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SUBJECT: EGYPTIAN REQUEST FOR DEA ANKARA ASSISTANCE

ANKARA FOR DEA

1. EGYPTIAN ANTI-NARCOTICS ADMINISTRATION HEAD GENERAL FARAG CALLED NCO AUGUST 12 WITH REQUEST AND QUESTION. FIRST WAS THAT DEA RO ANKARA CONTACT TURKISH AUTHORITIES TO DETERMINE IF THEY WOULD BE WILLING TO COOPERATE WITH ANA IN CASE INVOLVING DELIVERY OF TURKISH OPIUM. OPERATION, INVOLVING SALE TO EGYPTIAN AGENT, WOULD BE INITIATED ON RECEIPT OF POSITIVE TURKISH RESPONSE.

2. ASKED IF HE HAD BEEN IN TOUCH WITH TURKISH EMBASSY IN CAIRO, FARAG REPLIED HE FELT DEA ANKARA, WITH ITS CONTACTS, MORE LIKELY TO BE ABLE TO ELICIT SPEEDY, AFFIRMATIVE REPLY. FARAG SAID HE WOULD BE WILLING TO CONTACT TURKS HERE IF TURKS THERE DEEMED IT ESSENTIAL. HE REQUESTED TURKS BE ENCOURAGED TO REPLY QUICKLY.

3. COMMENT: WE RECOMMEND THAT, IN EVENT POSITIVE TURKISH RESPONSE, FARAG BE FURNISHED WITH NECESSARY INFORMATION TO CONTACT TURKISH AUTHORITIES DIRECTLY EITHER IN ANKARA OR CAIRO, RATHER THAN THROUGH EMBASSY.

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4. FARAG'S QUESTION WAS WHETHER ANY DEA AGENT IN

REGION IS IN POSSESSION OF DIPLOMATIC PASSPORT OTHER THAN
US. HE ENVISIONS PARTICIPATION OF US AGENT SO EQUIPPED IN
TWO SYRIAN CASES AND, POSSIBLY, IN TURKISH OPERATION
MENTIONED ABOVE.
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